

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 1. (Original) A system for use in a network, comprising:
2 a user console;
3 a disc storage medium including a permanently recorded disc identification, the
4 disc storage medium being readable by the user console, wherein the user
5 console is operable to transmit the disc identification over the network;
6 and
7 a host server in the network, the host server being configured to receive the disc
8 identification and configured to assign points to a point account
9 associated with the disc identification.

1 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the user console includes a set
2 identification that uniquely identifies the user console.

1 3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the user console includes a user
2 identification that identifies a user of the user console.

1 4. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising a user database accessible by the
2 host server, the user database including a user table associated with the user
3 identification, the user table including the point account, the point account being further
4 associated with the user identification.

1 5. (Original) The system of claim 2, further comprising a user database accessible by the
2 host server, the user database including a user table associated with the set
3 identification, the user table including the point account, the point account being further
4 associated with the set identification.

1 6. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the user console transmits the disc
2 identification and the user identification to the host server for authorization to execute
3 software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 7. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the user console transmits the disc
2 identification and the set identification to the host server for authorization to execute
3 software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the host server compares the disc
2 identification to a plurality of disc identifications stored in the user table associated with
3 the user identification, and compares the disc identification with a plurality of disc
4 identifications stored in other user tables associated with other user identifications.

1 9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein if the disc identification matches one of the
2 plurality of disc identifications stored in the user table associated with the user
3 identification, the host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal
4 that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium, assigns points
5 to the point account of user table associated with the disc identification and the user
6 identification, and transmits point information to the user console.

1 10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with other
3 user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates owner consent, the
4 host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes
5 execution of software stored on the disc storage medium, assigns points to the point
6 account of the other user table associated with the disc identification and the other user
7 identification, and transmits point information to the user console.

1 11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the host server assigns points to a point
2 account of the user table associated with the user identification.

1 12. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with other
3 user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not indicate owner consent,
4 the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user console whereby the user
5 console cannot execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 13. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein if the disc identification does not match
2 any disc identifications stored in any user table, the host server transmits to the user
3 console an access permission signal to execute software residing on the disc storage
4 medium, assigns points to the point account of user table associated with the user
5 identification, and transmits point information to the user console.

1 14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the host server records the disc
2 identification to the user table associated with the user identification.

1 15. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a disc database accessible by
2 the host server, the disc database including a disc table that includes owner consent data
3 and a sub-account associated with the disc identification, the sub-account including
4 point data associated with the disc identification and the owner consent data including
5 access permission data for other users.

1 16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the user table associated with the user
3 identification, the host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal
4 that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium, assigns points
5 to the sub-account of disc table associated with the disc identification, and transmits
6 point information to the user console.

1 17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with other
3 user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates owner consent, the
4 host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes
5 execution of software stored on the disc storage medium, assigns points to the sub-
6 account of the disc table associated with the disc identification, and transmits point
7 information to the user console.

1 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the host server assigns points to a point
2 account of the user table associated with the user identification.

1 19. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with other
3 user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not indicate owner consent,
4 the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user console whereby the user
5 console cannot execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 20. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein if the disc identification does not match
2 any disc identifications stored in any user table, the host server transmits to the user
3 console an access permission signal to execute software residing on the disc storage
4 medium and transmits point information to the user console.

1 21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the host server records the disc
2 identification to the disc table.

1 22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the host server assigns points to the sub-
2 account of the disc table associated with the disc identification.

1 23. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a plurality of publisher servers
2 accessible by the host server, the publisher servers being configured to manage a
3 plurality of publisher databases, wherein each of the publisher databases includes sub-
4 accounts managed by one of the publisher servers.

1 24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the user table associated with the user
3 identification, the host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal
4 that authorizes execution of software stored on the disc storage medium and transmits
5 point information to the user console, and the publisher server of the publisher database
6 associated with the disc identification assigns points to the sub-account of the publisher
7 database associated with the disc identification.

1 25. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with other
3 user identifications, and if the matched other user table indicates owner consent, the
4 host server transmits to the user console an access permission signal that authorizes
5 execution of software stored on the disc storage medium and transmits point
6 information to the user console, and the publisher server of the publisher database
7 associated with the disc identification assigns points to the sub-account of the publisher
8 database associated with the disc identification.

1 26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the host server assigns points to a point
2 account of the user table associated with the user identification.

1 27. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein if the disc identification matches one of
2 the plurality of disc identifications stored in the other user tables associated with other
3 user identifications, and if the matched other user table does not indicate owner consent,
4 the host server transmits an access refusal signal to the user console whereby the user
5 console cannot execute software residing on the disc storage medium.

1 28. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein if the disc identification does not match
2 any disc identifications stored in any user table, the host server transmits to the user
3 console an access permission signal to execute software residing on the disc storage
4 medium and transmits point information to the user console.

1 29. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein the publisher server of the publisher
2 database associated with the disc storage medium identified by the disc identification
3 records the disc identification to the publisher database associated with the disc storage
4 medium identified by the disc identification.

1 30. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the publisher server of the publisher
2 database associated with the disc identification assigns points to the sub-account of the
3 publisher database associated with the disc identification.

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